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Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Fernald of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Authorize the
Use of Voting Machines in Elections.

Constitutional amendment proposed authorizing use of voting machines.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Article II of the Constitution; amended. Article II of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 5. Voting machines, or other mechanical devices for voting, may be used at all elections under such regulations as may be presented by law; provided, however, the right of secret voting shall be preserved.'

Form of question and date when amendment is to be voted on. Resolved: That the municipal officers of the cities and towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns, and plantations, to meet in manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the 2nd Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to

give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature authorizing the use of voting machines in elections?"

And the inhabitants of said cities and towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for the governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and it shall thereupon become a part of the constitution.

Ballots to be prepared. And be it further Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolution accompanied by a copy thereof.